GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Dept. – V&E cases - Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam - Supervisory lapses in grounding and utilization of Mini Seed Processing Units supplied under 'Seed Village Programme' and subsidy paid through RKVY Funds during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 – Common Proceedings under 24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 initiated - Articles of Charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.261 **Dated: 18/04/2023**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. (FAC), Appraisal Report No.44 (C.No.952/V&E/D1/2016), dt.1.5.2017.
2. Govt. Memo. No. AGST- 30/6/2017, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., Dt. 07.08.2017 & 05.02.2021.
3. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(5)23/2021, dt.30.12.2021.
4. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(5)23/2021, dt.30.12.2021.
5. G.O. Rt.No.216, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.30.03.2022.
6. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.II(5)23/2021, dt.08.02.2023 & 13.03.2023.
7. G.O. Rt.No.260, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.18.04.2023.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against her as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, is further informed that if she does not submit her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

(P.T.O)

6. Attention of Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Smt. M.Sudha Rani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parvathipuram and subsequently retired voluntarily as Assistant Director of Agriculture(Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam.
(through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

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Copy to:

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain her dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)

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(Contd. Annexures...)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF THE DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT M. SUDHA RANI, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE®. PARVATHIPURAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED VOLUNTARILY AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (AGRO), O/O JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM.

"that the said Smt.M.Sudharani, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture®, Parvathipuram has failed to supervise the grounding and utilization of Mini Seed Processing Units supplied under Seed Village Programme and subsidy paid through RKVY Funds to the selected RMG groups/PACS's during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15. Due to lack of her supervision the scheme has not been implemented properly, which lead to a huge loss to the government subsidy amount. Thus she exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct of an unbecoming of Government Servant which attracts violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules. 1964"

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF SEED PROCESSING UNITS GROUNDED:

S.No.	Name of the ADA(SRI/SMT)	MANDAL	Name of the Mandal Agri. Officer	No. of Units grounded	unit cost	Subsidy
1.	M.Sudha Rani, the then ADA® Parvathipuram	Makkuva	Sri M.Syam Sundar	1	480000	432000

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT M. SUDHA RANI, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE®. PARVATHIPURAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (AGRO), O/O JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM.

Basis of Charge:

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department conducted enquiry on the utilization of Mini Mobile Seed Processing Units sanctioned under RKVY Scheme in Vizianagaram District during the year 2013-14 & 2014-15. During the year 2013-14, the Agriculture Department proposed to supply one seed processing unit to the RMGS/IKP/PACS per division where seed village plots are being organized under 90% subsidy by utilizing the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) funds. The total cost of the seed processing unit is about Rs.4,80,000/-, out of which, the subsidy borne from RKVY funds is Rs.4,32,000 (90%) and farmer groups contribution is Rs.48,000/- (10%). During the course of enquiry, it is noticed that the majority of the seed processing units supplied to the beneficiaries groups were not being utilized since grounding. And also not inspected by the concerned officers in their Jurisdiction and caused wasteful expenditure of Government funds.

Therefore, the above said officer has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT M. SUDHA RANI, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE®. PARVATHIPURAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (AGRO), O/O JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Appraisal Report No.44 (C.No.952/V&E/D1/2016), dated 01.05.2017 of the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Govt. of A.P.
2. The scheme Guidelines issued under Seed Village Programme and Rashtriya Krushi Vignan Yojana (RKVY).

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT M. SUDHA RANI, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE®. PARVATHIPURAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (AGRO), O/O JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-NIL-

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